

GEORGE W. D. WADE.

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JANUARY 28, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BAKER, of Kansas, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 2963.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2963) granting an increase of pension to George W. D. Wade, have considered the same and respectfully report:

The claimant was a private in Company A, First Illinois Volunteers, and as such served from June 18, 1846, to June 17, 1847, in the war with Mexico. He is now receiving the pension of \$12 per month provided by the Mexican war acts of January 29, 1887, and January 5, 1893.

The testimony on file at the Pension Bureau, and a petition before your committee signed by 44 citizens of Eddyville, Iowa, show that Mr. Wade is 80 years old, almost blind, and unable to wait upon himself; also that his pension is all he and his invalid wife have to depend upon for their support. It is also shown that he is a most highly respected and worthy man.

There are several precedents for the proposed legislation, and in view of the facts recited above your committee recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment striking out the word "twenty-five" in line 7 and substituting therefor the word "twenty," so as to fix the rating at \$20 per month.